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SIR:

This Amendment is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination in response to the Final Office Action mailed October 10, 2008, the term for response to which is extended by one month by Petition filed concurrently herewith to February 10, 2009.

Amendments to the Claims are set forth in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Claims 1, 14, 17-21, 39, and 42-44 are amended; claims 2-7, 9-13, and 22-38 are maintained; and claims 8, 15, 16, 40, and 41 are canceled.

Remarks begin on page 18 of this paper.

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late filed, and the necessary petition for extension of time is not filed concurrently herewith, please consider this as a Petition for the requisite extension of time, and to the extent not already paid, authorization to charge the extension fee to Account No. 06-1378. In addition, authorization is hereby given to charge any fees for which

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